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## MARKING

## TIME IN EAST EAST

## FAR EAST

## Peaceful Solution Does Not Seem Probable.

## NOT THE MOMENT FOR THE FIGHT

Russian Ministers Said to Re-

gard Time as Inopportune  
for Conflict.

## THEY MAY ADMIT JAPANESE DEMANDS

### Berlin Diplomats Think Position

of Great Britain and United States Has Had Strong Influence for Peace on the

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—That Russia has applied to Turkey for permission to send her Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles, is confirmed authoritatively here, and it is also asserted that Russia

**I**ll will renew the application and press for Turkish consent. Germany's attitude, as at the time the four unarmed Russian torpedo boat destroyers passed through the Straits, September, 1902, is that she

The British government is believed to have identified itself more fully week by week with the Japanese position, until now Great Britain is almost as deeply committed as Japan. The position in which Great Britain now stands, ac-

According to the view taken of the situation here, has impressed and is impressing the Russian statesmen. The readiness, with which the United States associated herself with Japan in pressing for the signature of the commercial treaty, is a fact which has not been lost sight of by the Russian statesmen.

cial treaties with China is another fact contributory to the feeling in St. Petersburg, that this is not the moment to fight. The decision for war or peace now rests with the Czar's advisers and symptoms are visible here that the decision will be peace by largely admitted.

**HOPEFULNESS REIGNS.**

Russian Foreign Office Considers Situation Less Warlike.  
(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 15.—The

The Russian Foreign Office says the present stage of the negotiations is an

advance on previous stages, in certain respects. The two governments had approached an understanding on some points, but not on others. Hopefulness reigned to-day in many quarters, where pessimism had hitherto prevailed.

Conservative opinion holds that while the prospect of peace is better than ever, the end cannot be predicted with certainty, particularly the manner in which a settlement can be secured.

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**Two Torpedo Boats Approached**  
**Japanese Warships.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Jan. 15.—Prince Takingsaki, tele-

graphing from on board the Japanese warship Niasin, says that while the Niasin and Kasaga were being escorted through the Mediterranean by nine British warships they were approached by two Russian torpedo boats, and that when the latter saw the powerful escort they withdrew for the harbor of Syracuse.

**Protect Korean Sovereignty.**  
(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Daily Express Seoul correspondent cables an interview with M. Pavloff, the Russian minister to Korea, who said:

"Russia will refuse to agree to the opening of Wiju and will protect Korean sovereignty at all costs. Russia would

regard the landing of Japanese troops in Korea as an unfriendly act, and would defend the independence of Korea against Pagan invaders."

In the same interview, Minister Pavlovi declared:

**Report Is Untrue.**

**LONDON, Jan. 15.**—The report published in the United States by a news agency to the effect that the British government had notified Japan that any attempt of the Russian Black Sea fleet to pass the Dardanelles would be checked.

Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to-day expressed disbelief that Russia had any intention of trying to send a fleet through the Dardanelles, adding that it would be an obvious breach of treaty, in which

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PPKIN, Jan. 13 - It is reported from consular sources at New-Chwang that Russian troops are concentrating at the towns of Liao-Yang and Hai-Cheng and